Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor
Memorial University of Newfoundland

We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University’s campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi’kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province.

As one of the largest postsecondary institutions in Atlantic Canada, Memorial University aims to be one of the most distinguished public universities in Canada and internationally. Memorial University enjoys national and global impact, while fulfilling its social mandate to provide access to university education for the people of the province, and to contribute to the social, cultural, scientific and economic development of Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. This includes the University’s commitment to Indigenous students and peoples, as well as the many international students that join its vibrant community.

As Newfoundland and Labrador’s only university, Memorial University has a special obligation to the people of this province. Established as a living memorial to the Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars, Memorial University draws inspiration from the sacrifices of the past to build a better future for the province, country and the world. Because of its unique place within the province, the University plays an unparalleled role in the continuing development of the region.

Memorial University is a medical/doctoral comprehensive university with 19 faculties and schools offering more than 100 degree programs of international distinction. Undergraduate and graduate teaching and research opportunities are offered across a wide range of disciplines, including the humanities and social sciences, health disciplines, sciences, fine arts, education and business. The University’s unique partnership with Nunavut Arctic College further enriches the teaching and research enterprise. Research funding totals approximately $100 million annually, and the University’s nationally and internationally recognized faculty includes 31 fellows of the Royal Society of Canada, and 21 Canada Research Chairs. The University is home to initiatives that ignite the imagination and create distinctive research opportunities, such as C-CORE, COASTS (Cold Oceans and Arctic, Science, Technology and Society), the Research Centre for the Study of Music, Media, and Place and The Ocean Frontier Institute which are improving the environments in which we live and work. Additionally, Memorial University’s Labrador Institute, which has locations throughout Labrador, works to support research, education, policy and outreach that expand the knowledge base and meet the needs and priorities of Labrador, the North and Indigenous peoples. The Institute is now home to the School of Arctic and Sub-Arctic Studies, the University’s newest academic unit.

Memorial University has more than 18,000 students spread across four campuses (two campuses located in St. John’s, including the Fisheries and Marine Institute, as well as campuses in Corner Brook, Happy Valley-Goose Bay (Labrador) and Harlow (England)), and a global network of over 90,000 accomplished alumni. As a respected employer of 5,200 faculty and staff, Memorial University provides an environment that fosters innovation and creativity, equity and diversity. For more information on Memorial University, please visit www.mun.ca.
Memorial University’s multi-campus setting and its deep traditions and values make it the dynamic institution that it is. The position of Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor will interest individuals who thrive in a complex and diverse atmosphere with strong community ties. Reporting directly to the President, and working closely with Deans, Directors and the senior management team of the University, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor is the Chief Operating Officer of the University, the Chair of the Vice-Presidents Council, a voting member of the University’s governing Board of Regents, and acting President in the absence of the President. They will provide academic leadership and overall direction for the academic affairs of Memorial University.

The successful candidate will have outstanding academic credentials, a distinguished record of scholarship and university administration, a commitment to excellence and innovation in teaching and learning, research and scholarship, public engagement and administration and both undergraduate and graduate student experience and success. Candidates must be eligible for appointment at the rank of Full Professor. They must have excellent interpersonal skills, a transparent and collaborative leadership style, the ability to build strong partnerships with government, external constituencies and internal stakeholders, experience handling complex budgets, a deep commitment to Indigeneity, equity, diversity, and inclusion and an abiding respect for the principles of collegial governance.

The appointment, which is renewable, is for five years and is to take effect at the earliest mutually agreeable opportunity. Consideration of candidates will commence in the Fall of 2020 and continue until the position is filled. Nominations, applications and/or expressions of interest should be submitted, in confidence, to Gerri Woodford or Krutika Hotwani at munprovost@odgersberndtson.com.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, preference will be given to applicants who are legally entitled to work in Canada. Memorial University is committed to employment equity and diversity and encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including women, people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; Indigenous peoples; visible minorities and racialized people; and people with disabilities.

Memorial University and Odgers Berndtson respect people’s different needs and therefore will take all reasonable steps to ensure accommodation for applicants during the process. If you require accommodation to participate in the recruitment process, please inform Odgers Berndtson.